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COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONITEM 1715(d)(1) - BORIC ACID AND SALTS9th February, 1959.

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,  
Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3417.15/1.

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee's attention to the Memorandum in which the United Kingdom Delegation proposed a redefinition of sub-item (d)(1) of Item 1715 (COCOM Document No. 3417.15/1).

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate informed the Committee that the prosecution referred to in his Delegation's Memorandum had dealt with a consignment of 195 tons of borax whose onward shipment from Gdynia to the Soviet Zone of Germany had fortunately been prevented. The export control regulations had nevertheless been infringed by this attempt, and fines had been inflicted upon the traders concerned. During the hearing of the case, the arguments set out in paragraph 2 of the Memorandum had been advanced. For that reason the United Kingdom Delegation had proposed to the Committee that the definition of sub-item (d)(1) of Item 1715 should be changed to read:

Boric acids and salts (sodium, potassium, ammonium, magnesium and calcium) and esters of boric acids, crude or refined, not including perborates.

3. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his authorities considered the present wording to cover all boric acids. They would not, however, raise any objection to the proposed redefinition.

4. The proposal was accepted by all other Delegations.

5. It was AGREED that Item 1715(d)(1) would be changed to read as set out in paragraph 2 above, and that the new definition would come into force on the 1st March if none of the Member Governments raised an objection during the intervening period.

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